A Simple Hand Loom.

The sewing machine and the knitting machine have already established themselves as desirable conveniences if not indispensably necessary in the household; and it would seem that the hand loom is destined to assume a similar important position. There is no doubt but that its use would be a matter of economy in many sections of the country, especially where the remoteness from markets and the expense of transportation largely add to the cost of the cheaper textile fabrics. The Acadians of Nova Scotia card, spin, and weave all their cloths except calicos and silks, when worn, and some of their woolen goods are of excellent workmanship as well as material.

The engraving shows a hand loom capable of weaving jeans, blankets, tweeds, sail nets, toweling, diaper, carpeting, and plain cloths. It is admirably adapted to weaving woolen goods, having an adjustable shed which may be adapted by the weaver to the character of the material, degree of coarseness of the yarn, and grade of cloth required. It is furnished also at a very low price—sixty dollars complete—and appears to be substantial. The shuttle is thrown by means of a strap passing around the picker staff through the "lay" to the treadles, which are worked by the patron wheel on the top of the treadles. This combination is adjustable, so that the shed can be varied to suit the material woven.

Additional information may be obtained by addressing the patentees and manufacturers, J. and H. Henderson, Keokuk, Iowa, who will readily afford all the facts to those desirous of engaging in its manufacture or sale. They believe—and with reason—that this loom is the cheapest and best in market.